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"All your strength is in your union.
All your danger is in discord;
Therefore be at peace henceforward,
And as brothers live together."

"The Song of Hiawatha",
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

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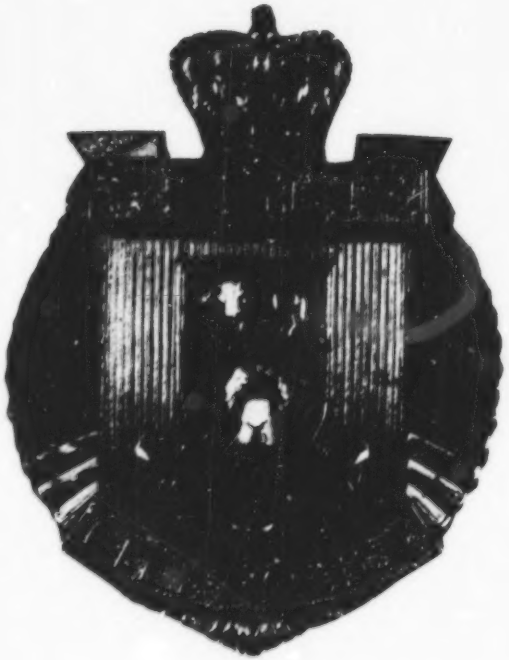

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Statistics shown in this report were compiled from information as of December 31, 1984, and prepared by Administrative Services, Planning and Research Section, Regina Police Service.

board of police commissioners

Regina, not unlike other communities throughout the country, continues to face the difficult task of providing needed services amidst economic turmoil and budgetary restraints. As crime tends to increase in times of economic hardship, maintaining adequate policing services becomes particularly challenging. More must be done with less.

I commend the Police Administration for their commitment and the serious initiatives undertaken in the past year, to meet this challenge. Savings were realized and the efficiency of services has been well maintained.

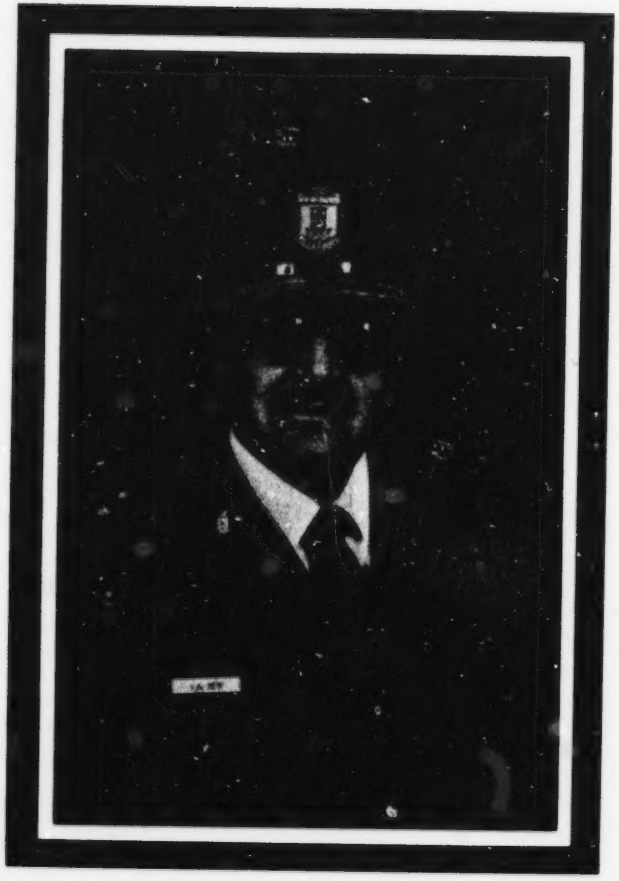
Emphasis on community relations and community involvement in crime prevention continued as high priorities in 1984. I am encouraged by the positive results this approach has achieved and am confident that continuing efforts in this regard will be most rewarding.

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners, I wish to thank Chief V. New and all members of the Service for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Mayor Larry Schneider
Chairman,
Board of Police Commissioners

Report from the Chief of Police



Unlike 1983 when a decrease in crime was realized, the overall crime picture for 1984 reflects an increase of 8.3%. Continuing economic difficulty, unemployment and more notably illicit drug-related activity have contributed to this increase in large measure.

Robbery and Breaking and Entering remain high on the list of frequent offences which substantially impact on the overall rate. These crimes persist despite aggressive prevention programs and concentrated investigative initiatives maintained throughout the past twelve months.

Though the past year's experience is disappointing, I am encouraged by the increase in the number of crimes successfully concluded and correspondingly, the number of persons brought before the courts. As well, I'm encouraged by the gain achieved in the reduction of traffic accidents and related fatalities. It would seem that increased emphasis on traffic law enforcement, particularly in the area of impaired driving and more serious moving violations is having the desired effect.

"Crime Stoppers", a new program to Regina, was launched in January and has proven a tremendous success. The program, designed to encourage citizens to anonymously provide police any known information on crime, has been instrumental in the early solution of numerous crimes and the quick arrest of those responsible. The direct participation by the business community and news media support, particularly on the part of CKCK-TV in producing the "Crime of the Week", is a unique feature of this program and ensures its continued success.

Public awareness and a sense of shared responsibility between law abiding citizens and the police is a relationship that provides the greatest deterrent to the criminally active in our community. The Police Service remains fully committed to this principle and will continue to work toward strengthening this relationship. Working together, I am confident greater public safety can be achieved.

V. A. New
Chief of Police

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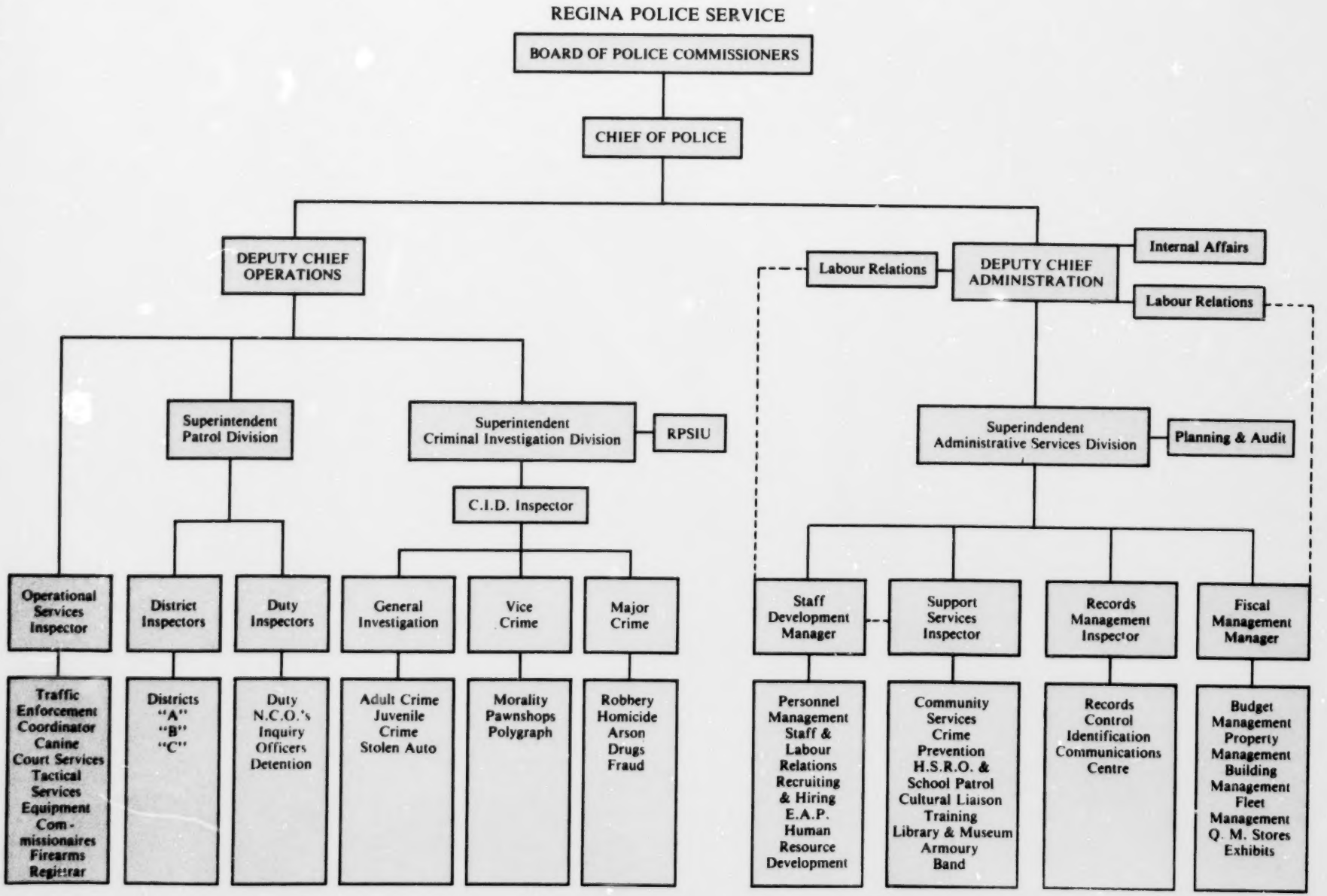
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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
CHIEF OF POLICE
DEPUTY CHIEF OPERATIONS
Labour Relations
DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATION
Internal Affairs
Labour Relations
Superintendent Patrol Division
Superintendent Criminal Investigation Division
RPSIU
Superindendent Administrative Services Division
Planning & Audit
C.I.D. Inspector
Operational Services Inspector
District Inspectors
Duty Inspectors
General Investigation
Vice Crime
Major Crime
Staff Development Manager
Support Services Inspector
Records Management Inspector
Fiscal Management Manager
Traffic Enforcement Coordinator Canine Court Services Tactical Services Equipment Com-missionaires Firearms Registrar
Districts "A" "B" "C"
Duty N.C.O.'s Inquiry Officers Detention
Adult Crime Juvenile Crime Stolen Auto
Morality Pawnshops Polygraph
Robbery Homicide Arson Drugs Fraud
Personnel Management Staff & Labour Relations Recruiting & Hiring E.A.P. Human Resource Development
Community Services Crime Prevention H.S.R.O. & School Patrol Cultural Liaison Training Library & Museum Armoury Band
Records Control Identification Communications Centre
Budget Management Property Management Building Management Fleet Management Q. M. Stores Exhibits

personnel, budget.. etc.

POLICE	
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief of Police	2
Superintendents	3
Inspectors	12
Staff Sergeants	17
Sergeants	63
Corporals	21
Constables	223
	342
SPECIAL CONSTABLES	12
CIVILIAN	
Staff Relations Officer	1
Secretary to Chief of Police	1
Administrative Assistant III	1
Office Supervisor	1
Payroll Clerk	1
Accounting Clerk	1
Asst. Payroll Clerk	1
Clerk Steno IV	1
Clerk Steno III	6
Firearms Registrar	1
Library Technician	1
Photographic Technician	1
Research Technician	1
Systems Supervisor	1
Programmer/Analyst	1
Communications Technician	3
Records Control Supervisor	4
C.P.I.C. Operators	9
Records Control - T/O, F/C, C	12
Process Clerk III	3
Process Clerk II	6
Clerk Typist IV	2
Clerk Typist III	1
Clerk Typist II	1
Switchboard	4
Property Custodian	1
Asst. Property Custodian	1
Property Clerks	2
Garage Supervisor	1
Asst. Garage Supervisor	1
Motor Mechanic	1
Asst. Motor Mechanic	1
Garage Attendants	4
Building Superintendent	1
Mechanical Engineer	1
Janitorial Foreman	1
Caretakers	6
Matron/Cleaners	5
Relieving Matron/Cleaner	1
Cleaners	2
	94

AUTHORIZED STRENGTH BY DIVISION

	POLICE	CIVILIANS
Executive Administration	3	1
Administration	62	80
Operations	277	13
	342	94

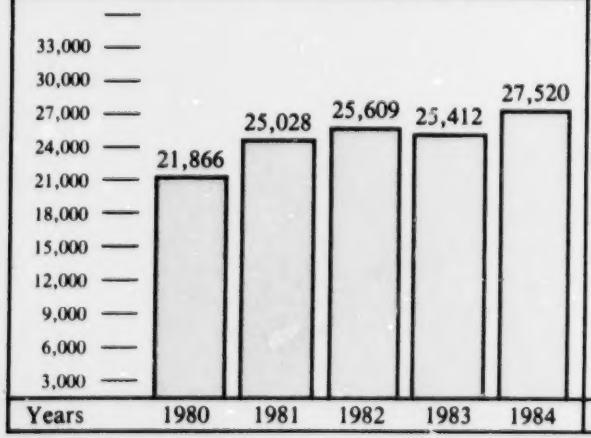
BUDGET

1984 Police Budget	$21,756,200.00
1984 Per Capita Cost	126.24
1984 Population	172,340
Area Square Miles	42.83
Area Square Kilometers	110.93
Police/Population Ratio	1/504
Civilian/Population Ratio	1/1,833
Crime Rate per 100,000	15,968.00
Crime Rate per 10,000	1,596.8

offences reported

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES		OTHER OFFENCES		CRIMINAL CODE DRIVING OFFENCES	
Homicide	8	Drugs	174	Criminal Negligence Cause Death	4
Attempt Murder	26	Other Federal Statutes	3	Criminal Negligence Bodily Harm	0
Sexual offences	139	Liquor Act Regulations	2,279	Criminal Negligence Operate	10
Assaults (not Indecent)	944	Other Provincial Statutes	28	Fail to Remain	2,215
Robbery	295	Municipal Bylaws	181	Dangerous Driving	112
Break & Enter	4,456	Accidents Fatal	9	Refuse Breath Test	158
Motor Vehicle Theft	824	Accidents Non-Fatal	11	Exceed .08 - Impaired	664
Theft Over $200	4,300	Fire Calls	52		
Theft Under $200	6,586	Suicide	18		
Have Stolen Goods	294	Sudden Deaths	88		
Fraud	2,176	Missing Persons	1,034		
Prostitution	2				
Gaming and Betting	3				
Offensive Weapons	159				
Abduction	8				
Driving Offences	3,163				
Other Criminal Code	4,137				
Total Criminal Code	27,520				

TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES



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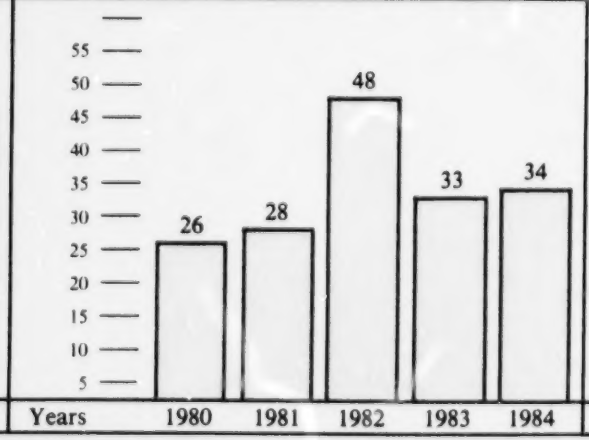

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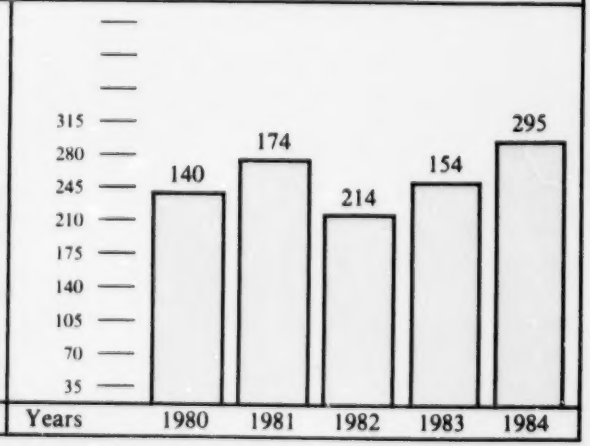


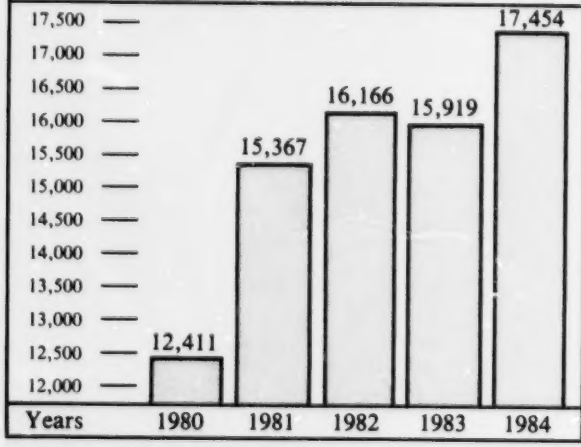
major crime trends

MAJOR CRIME CLASSIFICATION	
Homicide	8
Attempt Murder	26
Assault	944
*Major Sexual Assaults (Levels II & III)	15
Robbery	295
Break & Enter	4,456
Theft Over $200	4,300
Theft Under $200	6,586
Auto Theft	824
	17,454
* Not including Level I Sexual Assault	
1984 Increase	9.6%

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS CLASSIFICATION	
Homicide	8
Attempt Murder	26
*Sexual Offences	139
Assaults	944
Robbery	295
Fraud	2,176
	3,588
* Sexual Offences include: Aggravated Sexual Assault, Assault with Weapon, Sexual Assault, and Other Sexual Offences	
1984 Increase	20.4%

PROPERTY CRIME CLASSIFICATION	
Break & Enter	4,456
Auto Theft	824
Theft Over $200	4,300
Theft Under $200	6,586
Have Stolen Goods	294
Arson	50
Willful Damage	2,103
	18,613
1984 Increase	8.7%

TOTAL MAJOR CRIME



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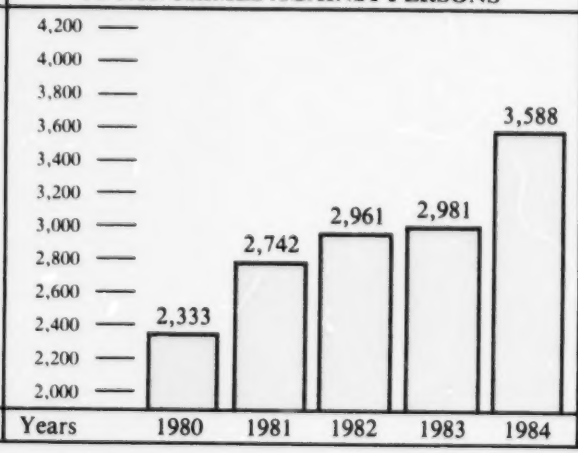

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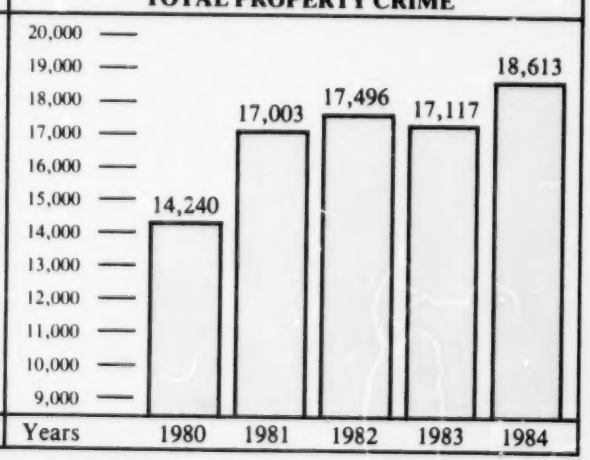

traffic statistics

* Property Damage exceeding $500.00

Classification	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4,346	5,189	5,533	5,983	6,635	7,912	7,720	7,730	8,717	8,956	6,907*
Injuries	1,123	1,284	1,107	1,051	1,143	1,088	1,003	1,180	1,780	1,962	1,849
Fatalities	21	10	11	10	9	10	11	15	11	14	10
Vehicles Act & Bylaw Offences	13,907	16,752	24,038	23,182	23.814	22,550	17,000	9,654	11,857	19,040	12,841
Parking Offences	91,303	98,083	123,370	104,004	92,959	107,700	105,097	107,003	108,213	114,166	115,135
Criminal Code Driving Offences	2,425	2,540	2,944	3,273	3,313	3,843	3,883	3,558	3,694	3,558	3,163

traffic statistics

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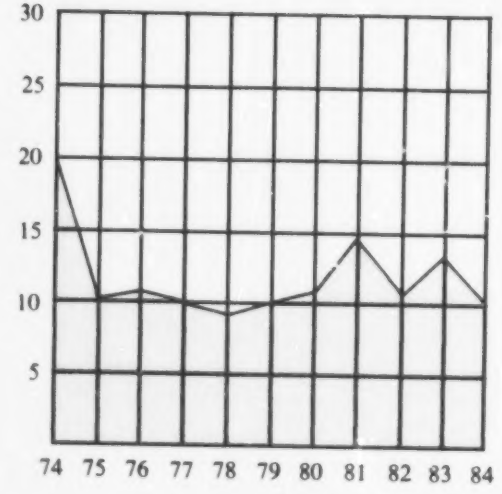

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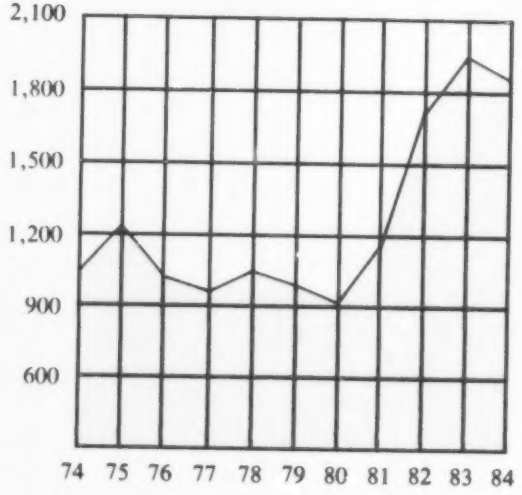

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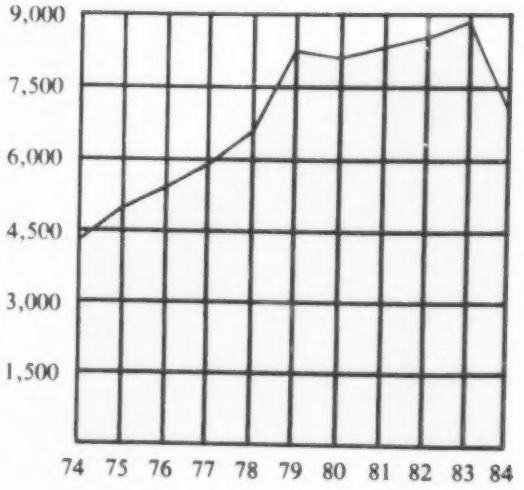

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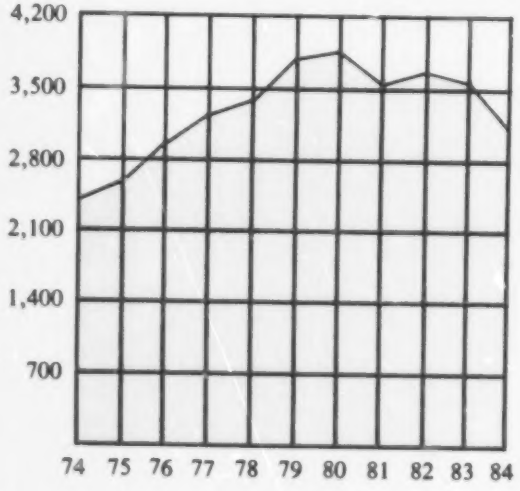

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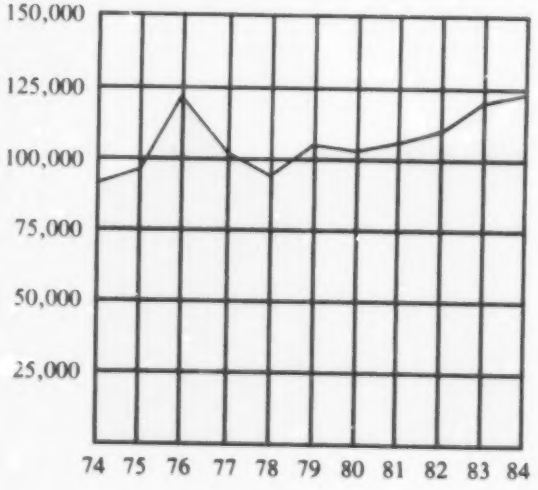

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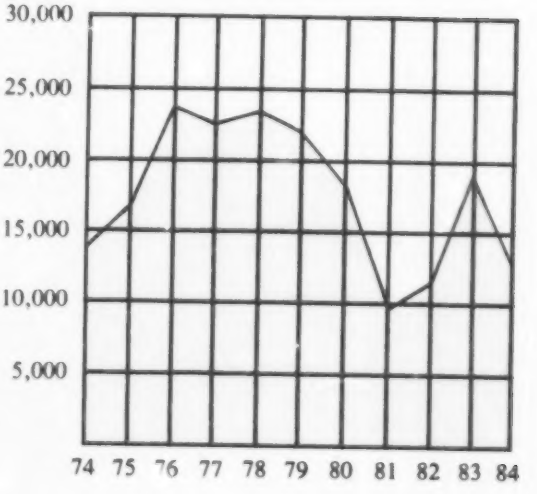
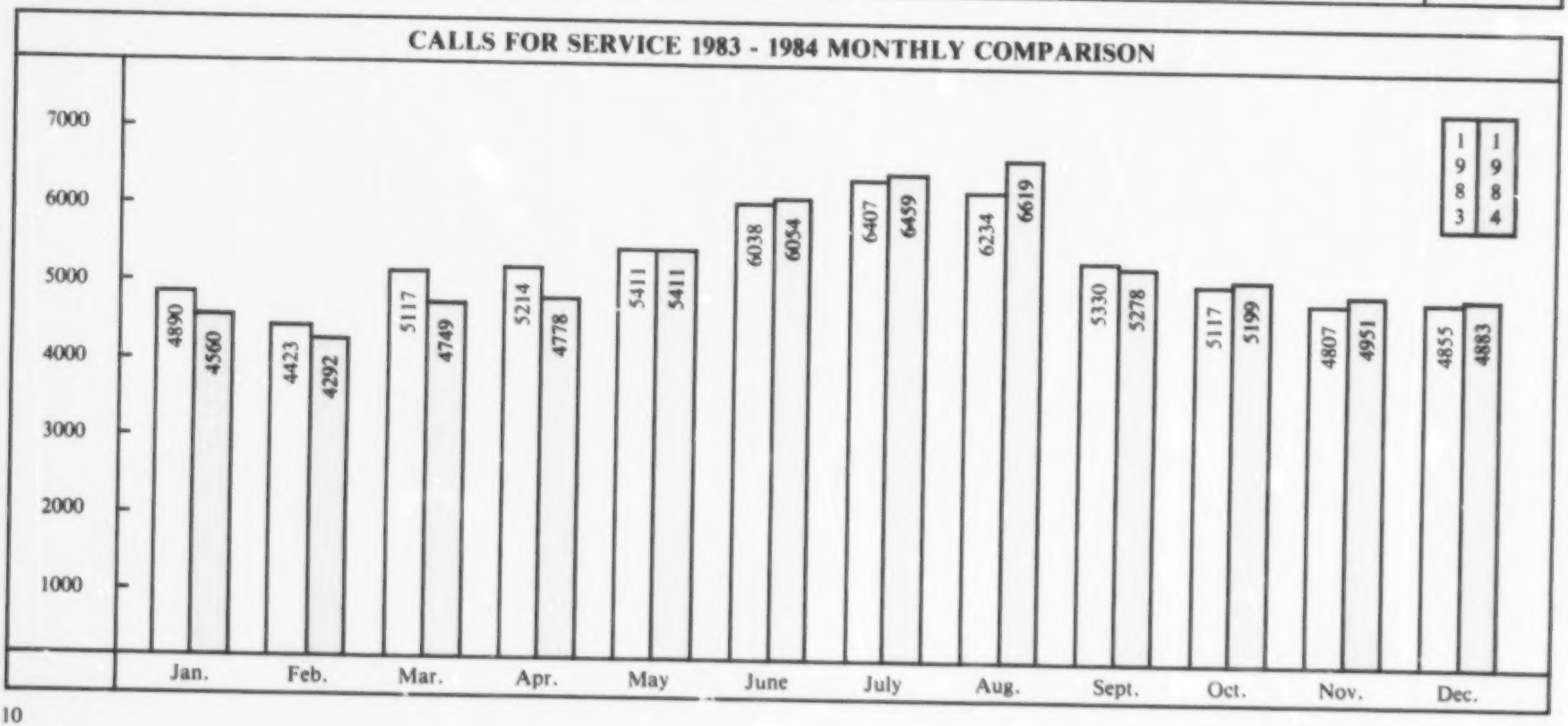


population / personnel / crime ratios

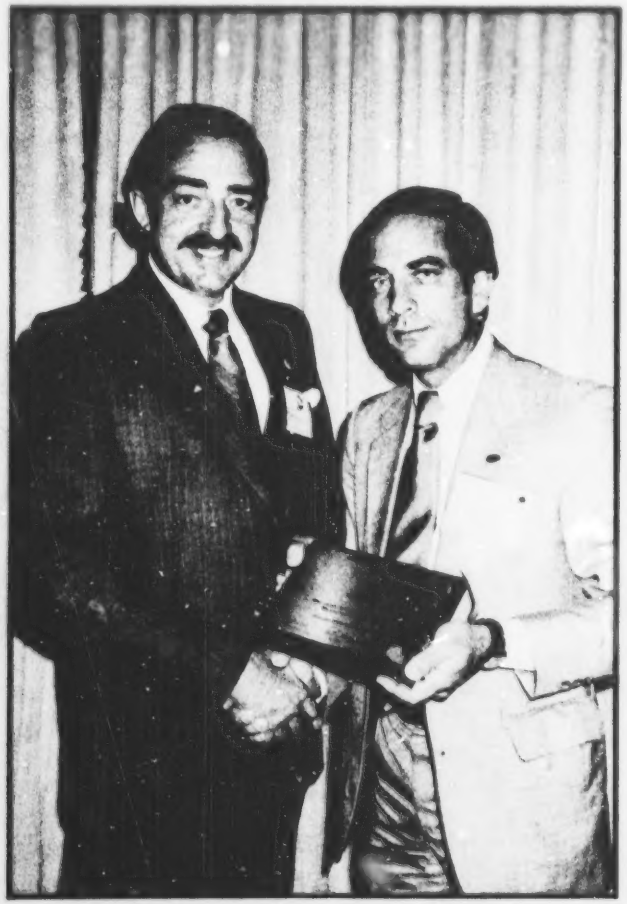
Classification	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Population	143,500	146,500	149,600	152,100	154,000	154,200	156,000	158,900	162,981	171,600	172,340
Police Personnel	236	256	273	287	303	309	322	323	338	342	342
Civilian Personnel	48	53	62	59	66	74	76	79	89	92	94
Police/ Population Ratio	1/608	1/572	1/548	1/530	1/508	1/499	1/486	1/492	1/482	1/501	1/504
Crime per 100,000 Population	12,776	13,005	13,085	13,909	13,570	13,103	14,016	15,840	15,334	14,808.85	15,968
Crime per 10,000 Population	1,277.6	1,300.5	1,308.5	1,390.9	1,357.0	1,310.3	1,401.6	1,584.0	1,533.4	1,480.8	1,596.8
Criminal Code Offences	18,334	19,053	19,576	21,156	20,898	20,206	21,866	25,028	25,609	25,412	27,520

communications

Year	10,000 20,000 30,000 40,000 50,000 60,000 70,000 80,000	Percentage Change
1980	57,969	
1981	64,624	+ 45%
1982	67,248	+ 12%
1983	63,903	+ 4%
1984	63,233	− 5%
		− 1%



crime stoppers



Sergeant R.D.F. (Bob) Horning (left), Crime Stoppers Coordinator, accepts Crime Stoppers International Award for Excellence and $500.00 cash donation from Bruce Kouba (right), President of Wichita Crime Stoppers and Chairman of the Wichita Conference.

REGINA CRIME STOPPERS

Early February saw the inauguration of "Crime Stoppers", a concept directed toward solving crime.

The Regina Police Service, in cooperation with a community based Board of Directors, combines the resources of police, media and public alike. So successfully was this done in its first year of operation that on October 2, 1984, in Wichita, Kansas, Crime Stoppers International accorded the local organization its Award for Excellence, Broadcast Competition, for a video tape re-enactment of "Crime of the Week".

Crime Stoppers has led to the clearing of 124 criminal cases and 65 arrests. Property valued at $84,779.00 has been recovered, and drugs seized had a wholesale value of $4,675.00. Rewards paid reached $5,575.00.

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COLIN THATCHER

Thatcher gets life for killing ex-wife

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By Murray Mandryk
and John Miner
of The Leader-Post

SASKATOON — Colin Thatcher was sentenced to life in prison late this morning after being found guilty of the first-degree murder of his ex-wife JoAnn Wilson almost two years ago.

The jury of five women and seven men brought down its guilty verdict at 10:10 this morning after deliberating more than four days over evidence presented at the Conservative MLA's spectacular 15-day trial.

Thatcher winced, but said nothing, as the jury foreman announced the guilty verdict. The MLA, clutching what appeared to be a Bible, stood up to hear Queen's Bench Court Justice J. H. Maher sentence him to the mandatory 25 years without parole.

A decision regarding at which prison he will serve his sentence still has to be made. This action is up to federal corrections personnel who must make the decision following a required assessment procedure.

Before delivering its verdict today, the jury asked Monday to re-hear evidence given early in the trial by Craig Dotson, the man who found the body of Thatcher's ex-wife in the garage of her Regina home on the night of Jan. 21, 1983.

The first-degree murder trial went to the jury about noon Friday after three weeks of often-dramatic testimony that has sparked interest across the country.

The jury worked Friday afternoon and evening; deliberated from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and followed a similar schedule Sunday before putting in 11 hours Monday considering the evidence.

Through the trial, the Crown has maintained Thatcher was responsible for the slaying of his ex-wife. Thatcher took the witness stand for three days last week to deny any involvement in the killing, and members of his family also testified he was at home in Moose Jaw eating supper at the time of the slaying.

With all the elements of a hit soap opera — power, wealth and intrigue — spectators from across the province flocked to the court house daily, lining up as early as 2 a.m. for one of the 112 seats in the courtroom.

Once the testimony was over, the crowd dwindled to a dozen hard-core spectators waiting at the back door for the verdict.

Reporters covering the trial set up a jury watch, requiring shifts of two reporters to be at the court house during all deliberations. When court officials announced the court was reconvening, the reporters on watch phoned two hotel rooms where the rest of the 38-member press contingent was encamped.

More than once, false alarms sent the press stampeding to the court house only to hear the jury was leaving for supper or requesting testimony be re-read.

In an effort to break the tension, reporters and photographers were throwing a football and a couple of frisbees around in the alley behind the court house on Monday.

Thatcher's mother, Peggy, and eldest son, Greg, stayed in Saskatoon waiting for the verdict, while Thatcher's other son Regan and daughter Stephanie returned home to Moose Jaw earlier.

Fifteen months of investigation into the 1983 murder of JoAnn Wilson culminated on May 7, 1984, in the arrest and subsequent conviction of Colin Thatcher. In bringing this crime to a successful conclusion, the Regina Police Service received the utmost co-operation and assistance from both Canadian and American police forces.

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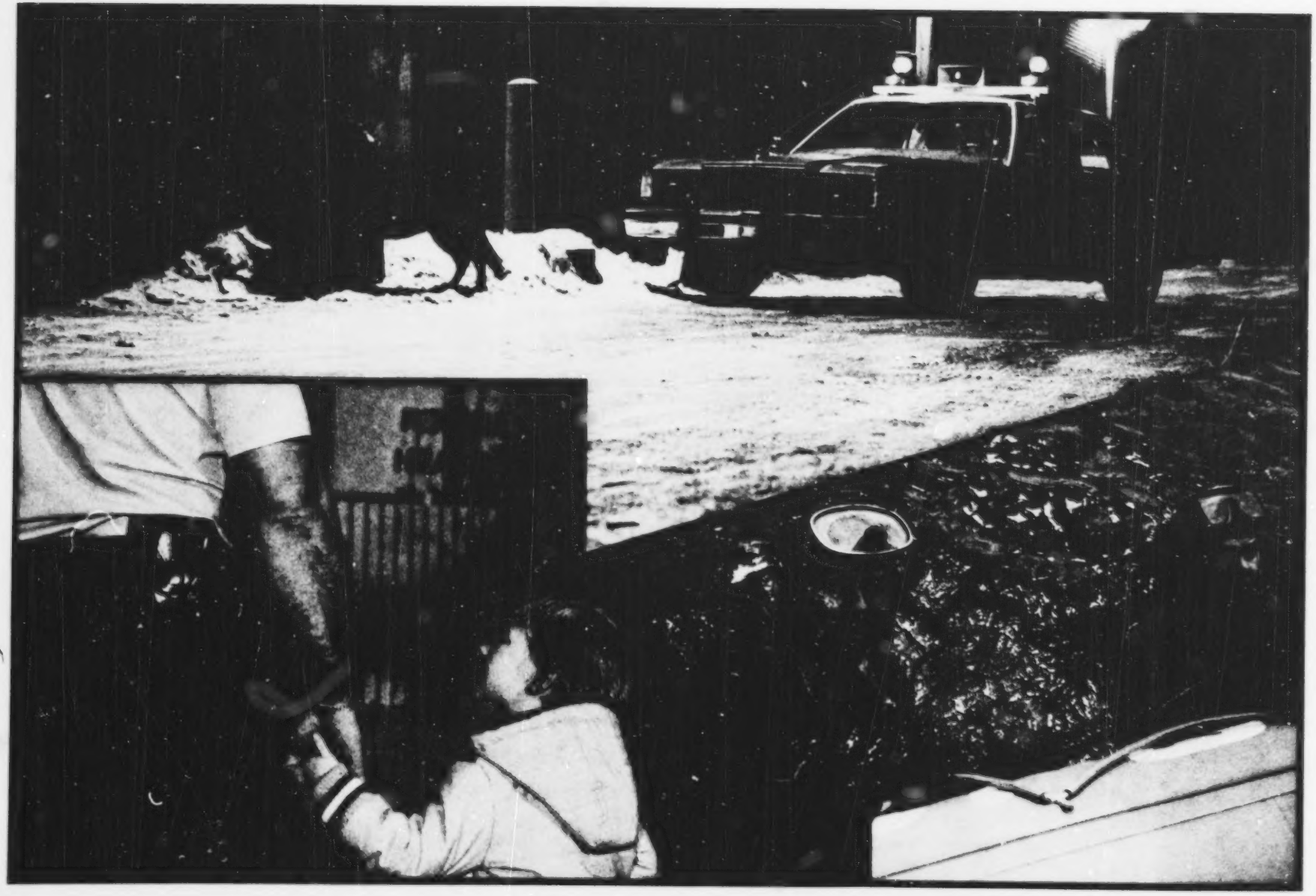

working together to prevent crime

Rod Lenius tries Chief Vern New's tunic on for size, to the approval of his friends (L-R) Joe Bernier, Peter Lesser, Morley Shanner, and Morley Solvason. The boys, all members of Balfour Collegiate football team, apprehended a young car thief after he fled from the scene of a hit and run accident September 13, 1984. In acknowledging their effort, Chief New presented each boy with a Crime Prevention Certificate of Recognition.

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Constable Marv Kereluke, High School Resource Officer,
meets informally with Balfour Collegiate students in Mutch Hall.